

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, and 13 are pending and allowed in this application.

Claims 1 and 6 are amended hereby. Support for such a change can be found at Page 2, line 6-17, and in the first step of each of Embodiments 1-6, as per the original specification.

5 Examiner Peter A. Hruskoci was contact on October 24, 2003, to discuss amending of the defluorination step presented in the preamble of each of claims 1 and 6. Specifically, Applicant sought permission to change the step of adding calcium carbonate to primary waste water to instead recite "using calcium carbonate to remove F from primary waste water..." It was indicated to the Examiner that, while this claim language is slightly broader than that language agreed to in the teleconference of 10 October 16, 2003 (leading to an Examiner's amendment), such language is actually more consistent with Embodiments 1-6 than the language agreed to for the Examiner's amendment (claims 1 and 6). The Examiner indicated that he would have no problem entering such a change, given that it did not significantly alter the scope of claims 1 and

15 6.

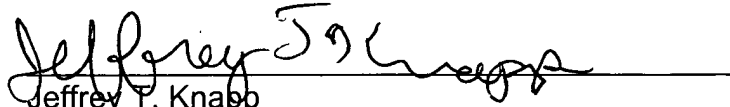
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the allowance of claims 1, 3, 5, 6, and 13 be maintained, and that the case be forwarded to issue.

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If the Examiner has any questions or comments that would speed prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 260/485-6001.

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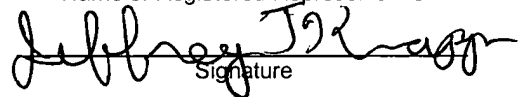
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